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## HCSNV's Home Matters 8K Race Raises Awareness About Homelessness in Northern Virginia

Numerous returning and new runners joined together to raise awareness about homelessness in Northern Virginia (NOVA), as well as have a great time, during the Home Matters 8K race. The race also brought attention to the Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia's (HCSNV) efforts to keep NOVA residents in their homes.

"In Northern Virginia, the heart of one of America's richest regions, low and moderate-income families are struggling to hold on to their homes. The current economic crisis has made employee layoffs and bare-bones family budgets routine. HCSNV empowers these families to become self sufficient by providing the training and resources they need to achieve and maintain a stable housing situation," according to HCSNV's website.

Sponsors for this year's race were, Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR), Sheehy Ford of Springfield, Ekko Title, Allstate Insurance – Adria Brown of Arlington, VA, Avery Hess Realtors, and Friendly Tax Solutions. "It is so important that our neighbors and businesses support this cause. With your year round support we are able to help families keep a roof over their head," said HCSNV's Chair Angela Sanders.

HCSNV, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has worked diligently each year to provide services to those families and individuals who are at risk of losing their homes, as well as educating them to become financially stable. For those individuals and families who've lost their homes, HCSNV has made a significant effort to find them affordable housing. "Having stable housing has countless advantages - family well being, improved educational benefits, a sense of community and stability, to name a few," explained Ivette Monnéy, HCSNV's Executive Director.

HCSNV provides many services, including housing counseling, emergency assistance, and financial education. For more information about HCSNV's services to prevent the low and moderate-income community from losing their homes, visit www.hcsnv.org.

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